



Re: FW:  
Libby Citizen

to:

Sonya Pennock

07/12/2010 03:06 PM

Cc:

Sean Earle, Victor Ketellapper, Bill Murray, gordsull, virginia\_sloan, Carol Campbell,

Catharine\_Ransom, skim

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I am confused as to why it takes 30 days to craft a "yes" or "no" response to a 60 second list of questions. Seriously, more time was spent sending an email from Ms. Pennock explaining the inability to answer our questions in a timely manner. We were very careful to distill and then rehearse the questions, and keep everything under one minute from start to finish....including the response time.

These are very honest and fair questions. We simply want the responses to be equally honest and fair.

Regarding Ms Pennock taking our phone calls; there is a pattern of concern here.

To ask these questions and try to receive a 60 second response, we asked 5 people to try to contact a list of EPA representatives at their direct line for 30 days, including:

Ms. Pennock  
Mike Cirian  
Bill Murray  
Rebecca Thomas  
Ted Linnert

There were multiple attempts per day at many different times each day. Out of hundreds of calls, only two were answered.

Ted Linnert answered one time and is quick to point out every side to every issue, and maybe Libby is safe, and maybe it is not. He refers individuals to Sonya Pennock as he is retiring soon.

Many calls were placed to Ms. Pennock specifically, as she is listed as the Region 8 Supervisor for Office of Communications & Public Involvement.

Ms Pennock apparently does not receive or answer the calls. She has also been receiving email concerns daily.

We have not heard from Ms. Pennock, other than the email response you see below stating it will take 30 days to answer the questions regarding a NATIONAL EMERGENCY. She is over Communications and Public Involvement, but has chosen to shun all communication and public involvement, except by a "team prepared" 30 day email response? Is this considered proactive?

You will see Mike Cirian's directives in a previous email. He cannot be reached and directs Libby citizens with concerns to Denver, where there is no communications and no public involvement. Not available, while individuals in Libby have seen Mr Cirian sitting with his feet

up on his desk, at other times seemingly available, but will direct his secretary ( Linda ) to tell phone callers he is " on another line" or " otherwise engaged". When this becomes a pattern, it is difficult to work through safety concerns. Are Mr Cirian's responses considered pro active in Libby?

Mr. Murray is out on extended leave. We understand he has passed this on to Ms. Pennock, who has no interest at this time in communication or public involvement regarding Public Health and Safety in Libby, Montana. Is this considered proactive behavior, or emergency response appropriate?

Rebecca Thomas' has not returned any calls, but sent a written response to Libby Councilman DC ORR that leaves us with grave concerns about her lack of understanding of the ROD's and overall Superfund issues in Libby. Did anyone read this response from Ms Thomas? Is this considered proactive or appropriate by the department given the nature of the concerns and the status of the area?

Sonya, can you take 1 minute and send a quick response to our most basic concerns today? We are not holding our breath or anything, but at least this would be pro active on your part.

Have you considered that on our part even taking a breath in Libby is considered dangerous?

Can you as COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT COORDINATOR give us this ONE pro active 60 second response? At your leisure today or tomorrow?

ONE MINUTE.....there, .....its over.....that quick.....EXCELLENT!!

Thank you.

Libby Concerned Citizens

On Mon, Jul 12, 2010 at 1:50 PM, FilmWest <[filmwest@gmail.com](mailto:filmwest@gmail.com)> wrote:

----- Forwarded Message

**From:** gordon sullivan <[gordsull@yahoo.com](mailto:gordsull@yahoo.com)>

Ms. Pennock,

I have been informed that EPA's information center has singled a few individuals out with regard to securing information about Libby,our home,. I need to ask if I am among those singled out. Please also forward a list of those whom the EPA have listed and WHY.

Thank you  
Gordon Sullivan

--- On Fri, 7/9/10, [Pennock.Sonya@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Pennock.Sonya@epamail.epa.gov)  
<[Pennock.Sonya@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Pennock.Sonya@epamail.epa.gov)> wrote:

From: [Pennock.Sonya@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Pennock.Sonya@epamail.epa.gov)  
<[Pennock.Sonya@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Pennock.Sonya@epamail.epa.gov)>  
Subject: Re:  
To: "gordon sullivan" <[gordsull@yahoo.com](mailto:gordsull@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Friday, July 9, 2010, 12:59 PM

I am compiling a response to questions/complaints contained in the large volume of emails received by Regional and headquarters staff and managers over the past few week. I will include my response to your questions in that response. Our goal is to have that response completed by 7/16.

-----gordon sullivan <[gordsull@yahoo.com](mailto:gordsull@yahoo.com)>  
<<http://us.mc304.mail.yahoo.com/mc/compose?to=gordsull@yahoo.com>> wrote: -----

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Subject:

Ms. Pennock,  
I have a question regarding Mr. Linnert's Social Marketing Plan and its presentation. Who at EPA Region Eight reviewed Linnert's presentation before it was presented in a national meeting? Was it reviewed by yourself as his supervisor, or any member of the legal staff or other members of the Libby team? What is region eight's policy with regard to review of presentations at national conventions?

Secondly, prior to the residents of Libby agreeing to settle with W.R. Grace, Mr. Linnert stated in a CAG meeting that we would get 12,15, even 20% interest on the funds. Who within EPA supplied Mr. Linnert with those figures and if they were ever considered misleading, why were his representations not restated by other authority? Afterall the community had 20 days to respond with comments.

Thank you for your consideration in answering my questions

Best

Gordon Sullivan

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